

Claims

1. A user interface method for navigating displayed objects and selecting an object among the objects, comprising the steps of:

grouping a predetermined portion of selectable objects into a block;

5 mapping the selectable objects to selection input keys of the user input device; and

activating an object among the selectable objects by the selection input key.

2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the grouping step
10 comprises a sub-step of grouping another portion of the selectable objects by movement input keys of the user input device.

3. The method according to claim 1, wherein the identifiers
15 corresponding to the selection input keys are displayed on each of the selectable objects.

4. The method according to claim 3, wherein the selection input keys
comprise number buttons.

5. An apparatus for navigating displayed objects and selecting an object
20 among the objects, comprising:

a display device; and

a control device for grouping a predetermined portion of selectable objects into a block, mapping the selectable objects to selection input keys of the user input device, and activating an object among the selectable objects by the selection input key.

25 6. The apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the control device groups another portion of the selectable objects into a block by movement input keys of the user input device.

30 7. The apparatus according to claim 5, wherein identifiers corresponding to the

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selection input keys are displayed on each of the selectable objects.

8. The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the selection input keys comprise number buttons.